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FOR DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY BRITTON FROM AMBASSADOR

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SUBJ: CANCELLATION OF VISIT OF THEODORE BRITTON, DEPUTY
ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

REF: PARIS 8799

1. DEEPLY REGRET NECESSITY REQUEST YOU CANCEL MALAWI VISIT. FOR REASONS STILL UNCLEAR, GOVERNMENT OF MALAWI HAS JUST INFORMED US THAT OFFICIALS OF MALAWI HOUSING CORP., INCLUDING FORMER AMBASSADOR TO U.S. MBEKEANI, WILL BE UNAVAILABLE TO MEET WITH YOU DURING PROJECTED TRIP. THESE OFFICIALS AND OTHER HIGH-RANKING MALAWI INVITEES ARE REGRETTING SOCIAL FUNCTIONS PLANNED. NEGATIVE DECISION COMES FROM OFFICE OF PRESIDENT. ALTHOUGH LECTURES AT UNIVERSITY OF MALAWI NOT YET CANCELLED, I DO NOT BELIEVE HIGH-RANKING U.S. GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL SHOULD CONTINUE WITH VISIT IN FACE OF THIS UNEXPLAINED REVERSAL OF PREVIOUS CORDIAL WELCOME GIVEN VISIT.

2. PAO, OTHER MEMBERS OF STAFF AND I HAD LOOKED FORWARD TO MEETING WITH YOU AS HAD NUMEROUS MALAWIANS AND WE CAN ONLY EXPRESS OUR UNHAPPINESS AT NECESSITY FOREGO VISIT, ESPECIALLY
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